

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 143

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to the Ronald Reagan statue.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 3, Hollingsworth. Ronald Reagan statue.

This measure would memorialize the Congress of the United States to place a statue of former President Ronald Reagan next to the statue of Father Junipero Serra in the Congressional collection representing California.

WHEREAS, By act of the Congress of the United States, each state is invited to provide two statues of distinguished citizens for display in the United States Capitol; and

WHEREAS, California, in years past, provided two statues of notable citizens that have been displayed in the United States Capitol since 1931; and

WHEREAS, One of the those statues is of Thomas Starr King, known as “the orator who saved the nation.” He spoke out fervently in favor of the union during the Civil War and is credited with saving California from becoming a separate republic; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Starr King can best be memorialized by locating his statue in a place of honor in the Capitol of California where citizens and visitors can enjoy it and be reminded of his significant historical impact upon our state; and

WHEREAS, California has a citizen, Ronald Wilson Reagan, who is exceptionally worthy of national commemoration. He stands alone in California history as a beloved actor, President of the Screen Actors Guild, two-term Governor of California, and two-term President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as the “Great Communicator,” Ronald Wilson Reagan served as the 40th President of the United States and was the first Governor of California to be elected President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The people of California wish to place a statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol, with the statue being provided by the citizens of California through the efforts of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation shall select a commission to represent the state in selecting the sculptor or sculptors to

sculpt the statue and obtain the necessary funds to carry out this resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation shall be responsible for all of the following:

- (a) Forming a commission to select the sculptor or sculptors.
- (b) Paying the sculptor or sculptors to carve or cast the statue.
- (c) Creating a pedestal and desired inscription.
- (d) Transporting the statue and pedestal to the United States Capitol.
- (e) Removing and transporting the replaced statue of Thomas Starr King back to the California State Capitol.
- (f) Temporarily erecting the new statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol for the unveiling ceremony.
- (g) Paying the expenses related to the unveiling ceremony and any other expenses that the commission may find necessary to incur in implementing this resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to place a statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan alongside the statue of Father Junipero Serra in the Congressional collection representing the State of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.